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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-12 are allowed in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-12 presented above are the version of the claims according to the Examiner's Amendment mailed May 30, 2006 without markings. Applicant would like to thank Examiner Perilla for preparing this Examiner's Amendment.

With this amendment submitted under Rule 312, new claims 13 and 14 are presented. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 13 and 14 are needed for proper protection of the invention, and require no additional search or examination because they substantially correspond to allowed claims 6 and 7. The limitations recited in new claims 13 and 14 are the same as those recited in allowed claims 6 and 7, except "means" language is replaced by respective elements that perform the functions recited in claims 6 and 7. Therefore, no additional search or examination is required with respect to claims 13 and 14.

New claims 13 and 14 are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. In particular support can be found at least at page 25, lines 15-27 (a first module); page 25, lines 27-33 (a second module); page 26, lines 1-8 (a first submodule); and page 26, lines 8-11 (a second submodule). New claims 13 and 14 merely recite the structure corresponding to the functions recited in claims 6 and 7, and therefore no new matter is presented.

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New claims 13 and 14 contain limitations similar to those recited in allowed claims 6 and 7, and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons stated on page 6 of the Notice of Allowability.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of new claims 13 and 14. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss this case.

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